Rocks

February 5 - Another snow on Saturday. The ground hog must be at work. Coldest weather of the season will reach here tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Glover of Crewe were visiting her sister Mrs. Carrie Richardson on Monday.

Mrs. Roy Lucado was rushed to Lynchburg General Hospital on Sunday night. Get well wishes go out to her.

Bob Martin returned home from the hospital Friday morning after having his tonsils removed Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Parson and daughter moved to Evergreen Saturday. They will be greatly missed in the community.

Sympathy is extended the Ray White family in the loss of their infant on Friday.

Rev. A. M. Taylor attended the State Evangelism Conference in Roanoke. A small number attended this meeting.

Mrs. C. E. McLaughlin attended a Southside Electric Meeting in Crewe last Tuesday a week ago.

Group I W.M.U. Mission Study Class will be at Spring Creek Church on February 26th at 7 p.m.

Friendship Circle will meet with Pearl Ranson on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

The study of Mark has been moved from March to February. This study will be taught on Sunday, February 25th at 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 28 at 7 p.m. and end on Sunday March 4 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Mrs. Carrie Richardson and daughter Ruby and son Otis and Rosa Lee were visiting the former's sister in law, Mrs. Annie Goin of Lynchburg on Sunday afternoon in the home of her daughter, Evelyn.

Pastor's Conference will be at Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin Monday (today) at 10:30 a.m.

Melvin Garrett will return back to his job Monday (today) after being out for sometime after surgery.

PRIMARY CAFETERIA MENU

Mon., Nov. 12 - Bologna, creamed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, roll, butter, milk.

Tues., Nov. 13 - Pork & Beans with Hot dogs, slaw, candied yams, chocolate pudding, roll, butter, milk.

Wed., Nov. 14 - Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, potato chips, milk.

Thurs., Nov. 15 - Hamburger, string beans, potato puffs, pineapple, milk.

Fri., Nov. 16 - Tomato soup, crackers, cheese sandwich, apple sauce, milk, cookie.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Valentine's Day is something special. The exchange of romantic greetings and gifts of sweets is a highlight of the day. Saint Valentine is said to have been beheaded in Rome on February 14, 306 A.D. Nothing sweet or romantic about that. But it was observed centuries ago that birds began the selection of mates in mid February and the romantic tradition developed. At the moment, looking out of my Den window at an expanse of snow as white as Khomeini's beard, I would say the best thing about February 14 is that it means that February is half over.

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Thanks to the highway and town workmen who have kept the roads and streets open for traffic. And to delivery trucks who have kept stores supplied with milk, bread and essentials of life. And to mail carriers, newspaper carriers, rescue and fire squad members, doctors and all others who rendered outstanding service. And to the hundreds who somehow got to their jobs. Ah yes, I contributed little. For two whole days I did not even leave the house, save to shovel the sidewalk to the street.

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Been a good time to do lots of reading. Often in this column I use the expression "Heavens to Betsy". I read that one Charles Earle Funk has a book (Harper and Row) called "Heavens to Betsy" and that the expression was used in the book "The Diverting History of John Ball and Another Jonathan" published in 1813.

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The telephone has contributed its share to keeping up contacts during the rather severe weather. A few evenings ago Bro. J. Rufus Cawthorne phoned me from Pompano, Florida to check on "The Martha Street Reporter." Lowest back porch thermometer reading I have had was four above. Free advertisement - that is not a budding mustache on my upper lip, but generous applications of Mentholatum and VapoRub.

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Washington's Birthday coming up. A picture of Washington's cabinet in the June, 1962 American Heritage shows him with just four cabinet members: Alexander Hamilton, treasury; Thomas Jefferson, State; Gen. Henry Knox, War, and Edmund Randolph, Attorney General. For quality of leadership, few periods in our history have surpassed those of the founding days.

Despite the snow, there has been very little sleigh riding.

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Two recent deaths have saddened our community. Judge Charles Crawley and "Bill" Mitchell. Mitchell died in Farmville, but was the Yopco representative here for many years before his retirement.

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There are many exciting ways to travel, including a wet bar of soap and a slippery banana peeling. A current one is on the covered walks and streets. Soon as I finish this writing will look for some stout rubber bands and wrap them around my shoes.

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Shame on me. Ran out of small bird seed and my bird feeder is empty and deserted. Will restock and try to win back old friends.

Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Banks To Observe Holiday

American Federal Savings and Loan Association, Farmers National Bank, Fidelity American Bank and First National Bank of Farmville - Pamplin Branch will all be closed Monday, February 19th, in observance of Washington's birthday.

Banks will open Tuesday for business as usual.

Old Man Winter Was Definitely In Control at the Fidelity American Bank, Branch Office when this picture was taken on Friday of last week. Cold but so beautiful!

Local Delegation Attended Senate & House Committee Meeting In Effort To Assist Rescue Squads

Efforts on the part of a local delegation, representing the Town of Appomattox, the Town of Pamplin, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors and the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, to the Senate and House Committee meeting of the Virginia General Assembly held last Thursday in Richmond concerning Rules & Regulations that have been mandated on the volunteer rescue squads have been proven very fugal in that the House has sent a bill to the Senate that would exempt volunteer rescue squads from the Rules and Regulations.

The local delegation, Mayor Ronald Spiggle, W. R. Britton, Jr., Town Manager and Emergency Services Coordinator for the County of Appomattox and a representative from the Board of Supervisors; Richard Martin, Department of Social Services; Ray Noble and Gordon Staples of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, are anxiously awaiting the Senate committee hearing on the House Bill and plan to attend and represent Appomattox.

Senator Howard Anderson, Delegate Claude Anderson, Delegate Mary Sue Terry, and Hon. W. M. Abbitt, Member of Congress ret. have been very instrumental in the promotion of this legislation and it is hoped that the legislation will be approved by the Senate.

"Citizen participation in the matter has been very beneficial and it is hoped that the citizens will continue to be interested. Contacts may be made with W. R. Britton, Jr., Emergency Services Coordinator.

Appomattox Appears Ousted From SMSA

A last-minute appeal to retain Appomattox County in the Lynchburg Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) appears to have been unsuccessful.

Suzann Evinger, executive secretary for the Federal Committee on Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas under the U.S. Department of Commerce, says she does not recall any changes now being proposed for SMSA qualification standards that would allow Appomattox County or the Town of Appomattox, a part of the county, to remain in the Lynchburg SMSA.

Mrs. Evinger added that because of present proposals expected to take effect, it is "unlikely" that the county or town will remain in the SMSA after the 1980 census.

Lynchburg along with Campbell, Amherst and Appomattox counties now make up the area's SMSA where the commerce department's Cenus Bureau collects more detailed statistical data than from more rural areas.

Appomattox County and Town have drawn support from other area government organizations and at least one congressman in their fight for staying in the Lynchburg SMSA.

W. R. Britton, Jr., Appomattox Town manager and special projects assistant for the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, said in an Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards' recent public hearing in Washington that being excluded from the Lynchburg SMSA could jeopardize the town's and county's chances of obtaining more federal funds.

Britton added that exclusion also would hamper regional planning efforts in the Central Virginia Planning District Commission by making Appomattox County, including the town, "a separate entity."

Britton noted that statistics would change if Appomattox County was treated as a separate rural area rather than as part of a larger metropolitan area.

He said that statistical changes, such as those showing the area's economy, could prevent the town and county from meeting minimum requirements to obtain federal aid for varied projects.

Britton said the town probably would not have gotten $217,000 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds to build a new water tank, $80,000 for downtown development or have a chance of obtaining $600,000 to extend water lines between the town and the new water tank if it had to compete for the aid as strictly a rural county.

Fifth District Rep. W. C. "Dan" Daniel, who represents Appomattox County and the town, also supports retaining the two jurisdictions.

If you have questions regarding above article, contact W. R. Britton, Jr., phone 352-8268.

Bank Robber Arrested In County

According to Sheriff J. E. Richardson, Appomattox County, Edmund P. White, White male, age 45, of Richmond, Virginia, was apprehended in Appomattox county by F. B. I. agents and Appomattox County Sheriff's Department, assisted by Nelson County's Sheriff's Department.

Edmund P. White was charged with one count of armed robbery of the United Virginia Bank of Charlottesville (Branch Bank), Albemarle Square Shopping Center, Charlottesville, Virginia, which occurred February 5, 1979.

According to F. B. I. Agent R. Doug Rhoads of Charlottesville, White will be charged with a second count of armed robbery of this same branch bank, which occurred February 12, 1979.

Released by: J. E. Richardson
Sheriff Appomattox Co.

Pamplin Fire Dept. Now Is Certified, Offers More Service

Do you live in the Pamplin area? Would you like to save money on your home, business or farm buildings insurance policy?

If so, Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department is now a certified volunteer fire department and this makes you eligible for a reduction in cost on this type of insurance.

If you live within four road miles of the Fire Department check with your insurance agent even if you have paid your insurance for this year.

This notice is a public service message from your Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department.

Local Government Ready To Help Citizens When the Heat Goes Off

When a distributor cannot provide you with fuel to heat your home this winter, for assistance you may call W. R. Britton, Jr., Emergency Services Coordinator for Appomattox County, phone 352-8268. If you receive no answer call 352-8241 or 993-3323.

"Local government is ready to help its citizens when the heat goes off," according to Mr. Britton.

The phone lines of the sheriff's office, listed above, will be manned on a 24-hour basis to help citizens get kerosene and heating oil for their home in shortage situations. The Energy Coordinator will refer a cold home call to a local fuel distributor able to handle requests.

School Board Given Okay To Fill Teaching Positions

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, meeting Friday, gave the Appomattox County School Board permission to begin negotiating tentative agreements to fill teaching vacancies for the coming term based on salary figures in the school board's proposed budget in the amount of $3,668,534 for the 1979-80 session.

Dr. S. R. Lawson, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, said, "If these figures hold true you've certainly kept within our guidelines of seven percent," as the supervisors had told all county departments to limit pay hikes to seven percent.

School superintendent Lloyd G. Walton reported that the school board had done so.

"Everything we have in here is based on seven percent without any steps," Walton said. "No one would get more than a seven percent increase and that includes the step increase alloted for the number of years experience."

Teachers, through the Appomattox Education Association, had asked for step raises for experience in addition to the seven percent base pay boost.

Walton said that the school board understood that all they could ask for was a straight seven percent. He said the proposed school budget bases teaching pay on a scale that had adjustments for experience levels, but those increments were made part of the overall percentage pay hike.

The county will have to finance a large share of the school budget next year because an enrollment decline means less additional state school money. Walton said the enrollment projected for 1979-80 is 2,730, down from 2,79 now.

He added, however, an increase in the per-pupil standards of quality amount from $936 to $960 now under consideration in the General Assembly would generate about $40,000 more in state basic school aid to Appomattox County and reduce by a small amount the $1,831,018 in local dollars the projected budget would require.

A resolution was endorsed asking the state highway and outdoor recreation commissions to consider allocating money for road improvements by Holliday Lake 4-H Center, which has begun plans to expand into a year-round recreational facility.

Supervisors agreed to back a move by resident highway engineer T. E. Pittman to change the status of Route 26 to a "bare pavement road," meaning all snow and ice should be chemically removed from it within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall.

In other business, two bids on TV Cablevision were opened by the board and referred to a later meeting.

Holiday Lake 4-H Fund-Raising Chairman Named For Campbell C.

Plans have been launched to expand Holiday Lake 4-H Educaitonal Center to a year-round Center. Involved in raising funds for the expansion will be people in East Central Extension District, which includes 17 counties and the cities of Lynchburg and Charlottesville.

G. Hunter Jones, Jr. of Concord, Va., has been named fund-raising chairman for Campbell County, and will be working with the County Extension staff and committees in developing plans to meet the county goal of $275,000.

Mr. Jones and his wife, Margaret, are the parents of two sons, G. H. III and Samuel. Both have been involved in 4-H Club work. Sam is a life member of the Virginia 4-H All Star Chapter.

"The expansion is truly needed" said Coach Jimmy Bryan of Lynchburg, Holiday Lake 4-H Educational District Fund Raising Chairman. The expanded center is expected to serve over 26,000 4-H'ers in the district and provide a meeting place for many other groups throughout the year.

Council Refers TV Cablevision Bids Back To Committee For Study

Three bids were opened and read to members of the Appomattox Town Council Monday night on the TV Cablevision. Due to differences in provisions in the bids, the matter was referred to the TV Cablevision Committee which Thomas W. Lawson is Chairman. Serving with Lawson on this committee are Dick Bass and Robert Hubbard. of

The bid from the proposed Appomattox Cablevision Company was presented by Ronald Coleman. Bid submitted by Thomas Jefferson Inc. of Lynchburg was presented by Frederick G. Griffin and the third bid was presented by Benny West for Areo, Inc. of Pennsylvania.

Council was brought up-to-date on the status of the HUD application to connect to the 1,000,000 gallon water tank to the town system.

It was reported that Mr. Bass and Mr. Joe Terry, with W. R. Britton, Jr. as alternate, have been appointed as Directors of the Upper Appomattox Watershed Association. This Association includes membership of the Town of Appomattox, the County of Appomattox, Town of Farmville, Prince Edward County, Buckingham County and Cumberland County.

An animal control ordinance was brought before council and was referred to a later meeting.

A report on the rescue squad legislation was given council for their information.

In other business, council issued another lease to Historic Appomattox Station Arts and Crafts Center for 1979.

The January 1979 financial statement was presented to council and approved. All information is available to interested citizens if they would like to go by the Town Manager's Office.

The EPA sewer grant was discussed at length by council and will be discussed further at a recessed meeting of the Appomattox Town Council scheduled for Wednesday night, February 21st at the town office.

School Board Adopts Tentative Budget

The Appomattox County School Board, meeting in regular session on Thursday, February 8, adopted a tentative school division budget for the 1979-80 session.

In adopting the $3,668,623 budget, school board chairman Berkley Drinkard, Jr. stated that the budget included a seven percent increase in salaries for all employees. The Appomattox County Education Association had requested a step increase in addition to the seven percent.

Drinkard continued, we believe the increase is reasonable and that the salary of our teachers will be competitive with other divisions." We want to keep our teachers and we want to be in a position to attract the very best teachers to this division", he said.

In addition to the salary increase, funds are included in the budget to pay seventy-five percent of the employee's share of hospitalization insurance. This is an excellent fringe benefit which provides comprehensive health insurance.

The only area of the budget which includes funds for expansion for next year is special education. Two full-time teachers will be employed to work with the pre-school handicapped children and those with learning disabilities. Appomatox and Campbell County will share one-half of the salary for a person to work with the visually impaired within the two counties and The Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped will pay the other one-half.

With the budget for the present session estimated at $3,441,287, the total projected budget for 1979-80 will be increased by 6.4 percent.

Sources of funding for the 1979-80 budget of $3,668,623 include $1,681,216 from state funds, $130,000 from federal funds, $1,831,107 from county funds, and $26,300 from other sources.

Estimated funds from the state in the tentative budget are based on the required expenditure of $936 per pupil for 1979-80. The Appropriations Bill which passed in the Virginia House of Delegates last week contains funds to increase the required expenditure per pupil to $960. If this bill is approved by the Senate and signed by the Governor, Appomattox County will receive approximately $40,000 in additional funds from the state. This will help to reduce the county share of the proposed 1979-80 budget.

Subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, the School Board authorized the superintendent to begin recruiting teachers for the 1979-80 session. At the present time there are 12 vacancies for next year. These openings are due to retirements, maternity leaves, two new positions in special education and personnel who are moving with their spouses to other parts of the country.

The next meeting of the Appomattox County School Board is scheduled Wednesday, March 7 at 3 p.m. in the School Board Office.

Farm Exports Set Volume Record, 127 Million Tons

Farm exports set a new volume record of 127 million tons in fiscal 1978, a jump of 18 percent over the 108 million tons a year earlier, W. E. Bondurant, Jr., Chairperson of the Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee, said.

Mr. Bondurant said: "The strong export performance resulted from record shipments of corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, sunflower seeds and peanuts during the 12 months ending September 30, 1978. We are pleased with these results because it is the Administration's goal that exports have stability and long-term growth.

The highest export volume of corn in the last five years is 49.1 million tons. The lower tonnages were 42.4 million in 1977, 43.1 million in 1976, 28.8 million in 1975 and 31.0 in 1974.

Soybean exports at 26.7 million tons, also was a 5-year record. The volume was smaller in 1977 at 20.4 million tons. In 1976, the tonnage was 21.0 million, in 1975 it was 16.4 million, and in 1974, it was 21.5 million.

Wheat was also higher than in recent years, 33.6 million tons. In 1977, the tonnage was 25.3 million, the 1976 tonnage was 31.1 million, the 1975 tonnage was 30.4 million tons, and the 1974 tonnage was 27.8 million.

Last year's record exports of cotton, 1.3 million tons, compares with lower volumes during the 1974-77 years of 1.2 million tons, 808 thousand tons, 699 thousand tons, and 988 thousand tons, respectively.

Other countries received 68 percent of U.S. sunflower seed and rice, with the rice total reaching 2.1 million tons and sunflower seed rising to 906 thousand tons. The record peanut shipments were at a volume of 319 thousand tons.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET FEBRUARY 19th

The regular monthly meeting of the Order of Eastern Star will be held on Monday, February 19th, at 8 p.m. in the Chapter Room.

All members are urged to attend.

Secretary Virginia T. Ferguson

Post Offices To Observe Holiday

Both the Appomattox and the Pamplin Post Offices will be closed Monday, February 19th, in observance of Washington's birthday.

There will be no window service and no rural delivery on Monday.

FREE COMPUTER ANALYSIS & PACKET BEING OFFERED

(For the citizens information from your Emergency Services Coordinator for the County of Appomattox, W. R. Britton, Jr.)

Virginia homeowners are receiving free Home Energy Computer Analyses to help cut winter heating bills by dialing the toll-free Energy Hot Line 1-800-552-3831. Free "Do-It-Yourself" Packets, included with computer questionnaires, enable homeowners to undertake many of their own energy saving improvements.

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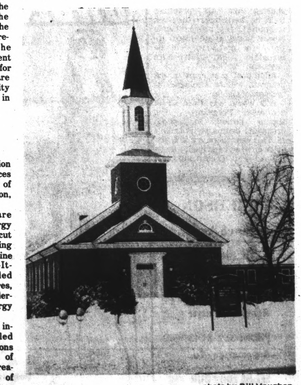

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DESPITE HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS and other inconveniences brought about by the snow storms last week, it was indeed beautiful as the majestic church steeple rises above a blanket of snow.